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SUBJECT: CANADIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM ICCS

1. IN INFORMAL DISCUSSION TODAY CANADIAN AMBASSADOR (DELWORTH) TOLD ME HE PERSONALLY REGRETTED AND DISAGREED WITH CANADIAN DECISION WITHDRAW FROM ICCS, ALTHOUGH HE OTHERWISE DEFENDED IT STRONGLY. HE SAID HE WAS PUZZLED WHY INDONESIANS HAD REFRAINED FROM MAKING REPRESENTATIONS TO HIM BEFORE FACT OF WITHDRAWAL AND, OUTWARDLY AT LEAST, SEEMED SO UNCONCERNED. DELWORTH SAID HE HAD MADE SEVERAL OVERTURES TO INDONESIANS, ALL BUT TELLING THEM THEY OUGHT TO GIVE HIM THEIR OFFICIAL VIEWS AGAINST CANADIAN WITHDRAWAL, AND THEY HAD EACH TIME IGNORED, OR SHUNTED ASIDE, HIS SUGGESTION.

2. DELWORTH SAID HE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT MORE PROPITIOUS TIME FOR CANADIAN WITHDRAWAL WOULD HAVE BEEN AT OUTSET, WHEN THEY COULD HAVE STATED THAT 18 YEARS OF THIS WAS ENOUGH, OR AT CONCLUSION PARIS CONFERENCE, WHEN THEY COULD HAVE SAID CONDITIONS THEY FELT NECESSARY TO MAKE ICCS WORK HAD NOT BEEN MADE PART OF AGREEMENT. AS IT WAS, AND PARTICULARLY WITH TALKS GOING ON IN PARIS
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BETWEEN KISSINGER AND LE DUC THO, THERE WAS NOTHING PARTICULAR TO HANG DECISION ON EXCEPT ACCUMULATION OF FRUSTRATIONS. DELWORTH CHARACTERIZED WHAT HAD BEEN GOING ON IN ICCS AS HEIGHTH OF ABSURDITY.

3. DELWORTH FELT THAT INDONESIANS HAVE SHOWN CONSIDERABLE NAIVETE IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH POLES AND HUNGARIANS IN ICCS. HE SAID THEY WERE OBVIOUSLY UNCOMFORTABLE BEING ON ONE SIDE OF SPLIT WITH CANADIANS IN ICCS.

4. DELWORTH NOTED THAT GENERAL GAUVIN HAD MENTIONED MALAYSIA AS A POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT. DELWORTH THOUGHT THIS WOULD NOT BE TOO BAD; THAT IT WOULD IN EFFECT PROVIDE TWO INDONESIAS ON ICCS; THAT INDEED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR ICCS TO CONTINUE WITHOUT REPLACEMENT. SOMEWHAT CYNICALLY DELWORTH COMMENTED THAT SINCE ICCS HAD ADJOURNED SINE DIE IT PROBABLY REALOY DIJN' T MATTER. IT MIGHT NEVER MEET AGAIN.

5. WHEN IN EXPRESSED OPINION IT WAS REGRETTABLE THAT CANADA, WITH SO MUCH KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE TO BRING TO ICCS, HAD WITHDRAWN AT TIME KISSINGER- LE DUC THO TALKS MIGHT RESULT IN CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ICCS COULD WORK MORE EFFECTIVELY, DELWORTH SAID SOMEWHAT BITTERLY "I CAN' T SEE ANY CHANCE OF THAT."
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